

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended.

The allowance of Claims 5-7 is acknowledged with appreciation.

In order to expedite the issuance of the allowed claims, Claims 1-4 and 8-12 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby placing this application in condition for allowance. Applicants reserve the right to present the cancelled claims in one or more continuing applications.

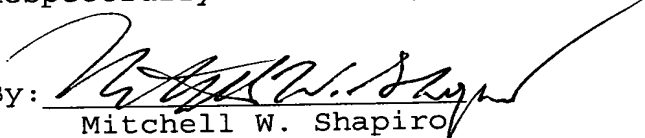
A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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